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PROF. PUPIN NEXT ON MYERS COURSE

Noted Servian Patriot Will Speak on Relations of Balkans to Their Northern Neighbors.

IS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

Last Myers Lecture Is Heartily Endorsed by Dr. Saunders As An Authority.

The last lecture in the Myers course will be delivered on Thursday evening, March 18, by Michael Idvorsky Pupin, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Columbia University. Prof. Pupin will discuss the war, considering it from still another viewpoint from those presented by Prof. Wambaugh, Will Irwin and Prof. Clark.

With the lecture of Prof. Pupin this year's schedule will close. The course has undoubtedly been the most varied and instructive that has yet been given on the Myers foundation. The students have had an opportunity to hear the views of men engaged in widely separated walks of life, and have thus become informed in regard to the most engrossing of present day topics from every angle. The attendance has been good thru out, and when Prof. Pupin's lecture is given in March, a vote of thanks will be due the committee which has had charge of the schedule.

Prof. Pupin is a man with a world-wide reputation as an electrical inventor, and is universally recognized as the leader in this field. Of late he has become famous, not only by his invention of an improved method for the transmission of electrical waves used in long distance telephoning, but equally by his eloquence as a spokesman in behalf of the people of the Servian kingdom.

A Servian Patriot.

Though born in an Austrian town, Prof. Pupin is in heart and soul a Servian patriot. He came to America while very young, and in a remarkably short time accumulated a large fortune by his electrical inventions. He is at present Professor of Electrical Engineering in Columbia, Servian Consul General, and President of the American Servian Society. In the opinion of Dr. Saunders it was an exceedingly fortunate circumstance which enabled the College to procure him as a lecturer. It is owing to this that the committee was glad to have Prof. Pupin come at any time suitable to him. For this reason it has departed from custom in announcing the lecture for a Thursday evening.

Endorsed by Dr. Saunders.

"We are extremely lucky to procure such a man as a lecturer," said Prof. Saunders. "He has been especially requested to come up here and state his opinions on the state of affairs in the Balkans without any diplomatic smoothing over harsh opinions. As there is no other man better qualified to talk on this subject, and as Prof. Pupin is not over-fond of the Austrians, we may expect a red-hot talk."

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ERHARDT ISSUES CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Says This Year's Program in Baseball will be One of Slashing Work From Start to Finish.

COMPETITION WIDE OPEN.

Best Men Will Get Jobs. Twelve Will Make New York Trip. Coach Here on March 25.

"The baseball schedule is the stiffest in ten years" said Capt. Jack Erhardt yesterday afternoon, "and we must have plenty of work from the candidates to get away with it. I want every man to come out prepared to raise the pep."

That's the Battle Cry.

This was the Captain's battle cry for the 1915 season. The general call for candidates will not come until next week, but this afternoon at 5 o'clock a conference will be held with the pitchers and catchers. Tomorrow the battery men will be given a work-out in the cage. These preparations before the coming of the coach on March 25 are a part of Capt. Erhardt's plans for getting up the snappy, driving work that he expects from the nine this spring.

The particular reason why the schedule is sufficiently stiff to call forth the above remark from the Captain is to be found in the fact that Rutgers, Syracuse and Colgate will be played. The opposition which these teams, none of which Hamilton played last season, will have to offer, is a big factor. The Buff and Blue will be at a further disadvantage of working away from home all during the fore part of the season. The first home game is on May 14. To get the men into any kind of shape for the early season will require the livest brand of bill-pegging that can be carried on in Soper Gym.

Competition Wide Open.

Judging by Capt. Erhardt's tone yesterday there will be little time for tooth-picking at practice, and every man will proceed to bingle 'em out as merrily as his wallop will let him. The competition will be wide open for positions on the team, and when the call comes there will undoubtedly be a rush of candidates. Twelve men will be taken on the Easter trip, which includes games with Fordham, New York University, Rutgers and Lehigh. This is one of the best Easter trips that has been slated for several seasons, and the inducement to new candidates will be strong.

The positions for which there will be the hardest competition seem at present to be pitcher, short stop and the outfield. Inasmuch as the men chosen for the Easter trip will be taken purely on the amount of preliminary work they do in the Gym, the safe conclusion to be drawn is that the cage will be a very lively sort of place during the next few weeks.

Regular practice will begin a week from tomorrow when the cage will be made ready. A system of marking at-

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CHARLATANS SCORE HIT AT ONEONTA

"Believe Me, Xantippe" Pleases Big Crowd in State Normal School Building.

CHANGES IN CAST SUCCESSFUL.

Production An Improvement On Prom Performance. More Engagements Probable.

Promptly at 8 p. m. Thursday evening, the curtains of the State Normal School at Oneonta unfolded to disclose the first action of the Charlatan's Farce Comedy "Believe Me Xantippe." The performance was given under the auspices of the Clionian Society of the same school, and upon the same stage which was used last year when "The Senator keeps House" was presented under the auspices of the Alpha Delta Sorority.

Changes in Cast Successful.

Despite several changes in the cast caused by Chase's withdrawal from College and Calkins' being on short cuts, the enthusiasm which every member of the cast put into his lines brought continual hearty applause. The changes which were necessitated resulted in MacMillan, '16, playing a double role of Wrenn the Jailer, and William the Butler, while Covert, '16, took the part of Violet, a girl, in the absence of Calkins, '18. Pope, '16, who formerly played in the part of William, the butler was elected to take the place of Chase ex-'16, as the detective—Arthur Sole. Both substitutions were very successfully carried out. After the curtain had fallen, Principal Bugby of the Normal School highly complimented the Charlatans upon their offering, and expressed the hope of seeing the Hamilton men at Oneonta next year.

The production was an improvement over the Prom Performance in that the spice and speed of the action was better emphasized. Coach Short stated that this would be the finishing touch to mark the height of the Dramatic Society's work since he has been connected with it. This spice and enthusiasm has been the aim of the rehearsals since the first showing on February 1st, and speaks well for the consistent work of the cast and especially of President Jessup.

If possible, the management hopes to give three or four more performances, and the possibilities of another Utica appearance increase in view of the fact that more than one charitable institution of that city has been effected by the war and need help of this form.

The trip to Oneonta was made on Thursday afternoon, via the electric trolley. Cuts from 11:30 Thursday morning till 1:30 Friday afternoon were allowed by the Faculty. Leaving Utica at 1:30 p. m. the players settled down for a four-hour ride "over the river and through the woods" and "up hill and down dale." This fifty-mile stretch of scenery is

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COMPLETES SCHEDULE WITH EIGHT GAMES

Manager Nichols Announces That Clarkson Tech. Will Open Season on September 26.

SPRING PRACTICE, SAYS POPE.

From May 15 to Exam Week Squad Will Be Put Thru Signals. Reynolds Says Numbering Players is Good.

That the opening football game on next year's schedule would be played on the Saturday of the first week of college, instead of on the second Saturday as is usually the case, was the announcement made by manager Nichols late last week. He also said that on the advice of Coach Reynolds the schedule would be extended to include eight games, instead of seven as last Fall. The opening game will be with Clarkson Tech., and the annual St. Stephens contest will be advanced to October 2. The Union game was scheduled for November 13, after some quibbling on the part of the Union management. As finally completed the schedule stands:

Sept. 25, Clarkson at Clinton.
Oct 2, St. Stephens at Clinton.
Oct. 9, N. Y. U. at New York.
Oct. 16, R. P. I. at Troy.
Oct. 23, Hobart at Clinton.
Oct. 30, St. Lawrence at Canton.
Nov. 6, Rochester at Clinton.
Nov. 13, Union at Clinton.

Captain Pope says that the early opening of the season will make it necessary to start Fall football practice a week before the college term formally opens, so plans are being laid to start things on Steuben Field about September 10th. The Clarkson game is not expected to offer serious difficulties, as Clarkson has not played football for two years. The contest with St. Stephens, however, is likely to prove somewhat stiffer. Thus the mid-season games will be approached after the team has had the experience of two games.

Captain Pope made the announcement last week that, acting under the advice of Coach Reynolds, he plans to make this year the first to see Spring football practice undertaken in earnest. From the middle of May until Exam Week, the backs and ends will be drilled, partly under the supervision of Coach Reynolds, in throwing and catching forward passes and in kicking. The whole squad will be run thru signals. Those who are engaged in Spring sports will have to devote but a few moments to football each day, but sufficient time will be put into the work so that by the end of the year the system of signals will be decided upon and learned by all.

In an interview, Coach Reynolds expressed himself as well pleased with the changes made by the football rules committee. He thinks that numbering the players is a good feature and said that in all probability Hamilton Team will be numbered. But he went on to say that the most material change was that rule which compels

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TWELVE MEN BEGIN PRACTICE YESTERDAY

Five Will Be Picked to Go to Philadelphia on April 22nd. Hope To Be Outdoors Early.

The first practice work of the relay team candidates was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Gym under the direction of Capt. "Fritz" Lee. Twelve men are competing for positions on the team which will be the first Hamilton has ever sent to the big Penn meet in Philadelphia. Practice work will be continued regularly during the rest of the month, indoors in the Gym with the exception of Saturday, and out-doors as soon as the weather permits. The men who reported are:

Potter, '15, Nichols, '16, Royce, '17, Lyon, '17, Squires, '15, Jones, '17, Gilbert, '18, Moore, '18 Coleridge, '18, Butts, '18, Kennedy, '18, and Jessup, '18.

Capt. Lee in giving instructions to the squad said that no competitive work will be held until the men can get out on the cinders, so that no positions on the team will be decided on the merit of preliminary work done in the Gym alone. "All candidates who reported will be held on the squad unless they show unwillingness to work, lack of punctuality or failure to observe training rules," he said. Capt. Lee said that he had not intended starting a training table until after Easter vacation, but that if there was a sufficiently strong demand for it among the candidates it could be arranged.

Five men will be taken to Pennsylvania, leaving the Hill on Thursday. April 22, to watch the events of the of the big meet on Friday. This will give them an opportunity to rest up for their own work on Saturday. Hamilton will compete in Class 16, which includes Colgate, Union, Rochester, Hobart, University of Buffalo, Colby, Tufts and Rhode Island State.

Coach Risley is expected on the Hill within a few days to get in line on the candidates. He expressed regret that Knowles had been dropped from the Freshman Class, as he regards the boy as a "comer."

—Last week's "Utica Sunday Tribune" discussed in a long article the value of Oral English, and the powerful movement throughout the country to install it in all preparatory schools as a requirement for college entrance. It stated that Prof. Lewis of Hamilton College was looked upon as the logical leader in this movement on account of the long teaching of Oral English at Hamilton, and quoted from his address supporting its nation-wide adoption before the National Council of Teachers of English at Richmond, Virginia, afterwards reprinted in the "English Journal."

—Flesh, '18, has left College on account of illness. He will spend some time at Lake Saranac in the Adirondacks.

"HE WILL RECOVER," SAYS MILWAUKEE PAPER

Story of Prexie's Sliding Experience Has Been Exaggerated With Every Re-Telling.

It may be a "long, long way from home," but the sympathetic interest of curious citizens from Boston to Milwaukee has been attracted to that very notable event of Dr. Stryker's down-hill slide which was accomplished some time ago with an aftermath familiar to the student body.

Some of the newspaper renditions show an inordinate desire to escape from cold fact and insist upon it that "the President was hurled from his sled which was travelling at the rate of a mile a minute, and after rolling 25 feet fetched up against a fence." That, however, was one of the most common versions offered, and seems to have been generally accepted by the gentlemen editors.

Then it became the subject of an editorial comment and timely advice. "The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle" introduced a little variation: "It was the old, old story of grandfather showing little Johnny how we skated in the sixties. Prexy made the promised demonstration, but in going around a sharp bend, etc. Fortunately Dr. Stryker was not injured."

Out in a Few Days!

Distance lent enchantment evidently, and the "Chicago Evening Post" added further improvements, concluding: "Then he went forth at the head of the flock to show its members what real steering was. Prexy came to grief at the second turn, and the boys carried him home. Chicagoans will be pleased to learn that he will be out in a few days."

In this state the story reached Milwaukee on February 10. The "Sentinel" was even briefer: "President Stryker, Hamilton College, watched students coasting down the hill. When he declared they were too careless and attempted to show how to coast in safety, he struck a fence. He will recover."

We hope so!

—The Junior Class was forced to make up a deficit of $112 on Junior Prom.

—Harvard has commenced baseball and crew practice. One hundred and fifty men reported for the latter sport.

—Mattoon, '16, was hurt while coasting down the Hill last Tuesday He collided with a pole at the Psi U. curve. He was unconscious for half an hour, but has now fully recovered.

—A cartoon of Elihu Root appeared in a recent issue of 'Life' illustrating Uncle Sam's regret at losing him. Mr. Root goes out of office on March the fourth.

—Paul Hasbrouck, '18, has left College for a few weeks on account of ill health.

—Wallace Johnson, '15, has returned to College.

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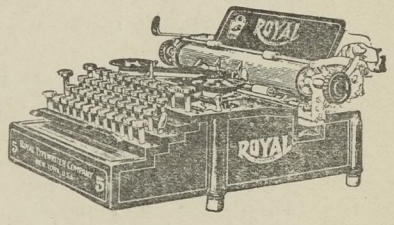

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EDITORIAL.

Dr. Stryker Explains.

Every little while the advocates of the purely classical education such as is offered at Hamilton are urged to re-define their positions. Detractors have always existed who have been unable to recognize the merits of classical preparation for life in general, and certain occupations in particular; perhaps the number of these has become inflated in the present generation.

President Stryker took the stand again in defense of classicism at the Classical Teachers' Conference on Saturday, briefly, but effectively. He deplored the intrusion of the spirit of commercialism into educational institutions, from secondary schools to colleges, and declared that the present aversion to Greek and Latin is caused by this modern idea that success is spelled with the "s's" converted into dollar signs. President Stryker is none the less right for the fact that he has been connected with a purely classical college for the past twenty-three years and has championed unceasingly the sterling principles of classical training. He merely voices what seems today to be the outcry of a country reeking with the ceaseless clamor for wealth. A man is as successful as the pile of his ducats is high; and no more so. As a consequence the finer ideals that make a nation permanent, the broader appreciation of life which insures greater happiness, the training in careful study which it is the province of the classical educaton to prosper, are in danger of being lost.

Colleges and universities everywhere are rushing men thru course after course, turning out doctors and engineers and lawyers in break-neck procession, in some cases reducing the length of the course by a half. How is this done? By omitting classical preparation. Why? The golden eagle has screeched. Money must be earned and quickly. There is no time for the studies that take time.

The moral is not hard to find. The President urged interested instructors everywhere to give their whole-hearted support to the cause. There must come a change in the prevailing obedience of educational institution to the beckoning of money-lust. If we are to become race of dollar-grabbers, if we are to plunge ourselves soul and body into the maelstrom of the stock exchange, of deadly commercial competition, in the hope of all getting rich, let classicism be abandoned. Its influence is a mockery, and too late we will discover that we have ruined ourselves by our greed. But if we are only on the verge, or yet a little way from the verge of such a crisis, then the sane precepts of classicism may yet continue to supply, as they have in the past, the broad outlook up on life which will keep the old world rocking quietly and steadily in the great cradle of the universe.

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The Musical Clubs' Tangle.

With five weeks remaining before the Spring vacation and only two concerts definitely arranged for the Musical Clubs, **Life** reiterates suggestions printed last week that vigorous steps be taken toward arranging a trip.

The concerts so far arranged, as far as we can determine, are to be given at Utica and Brooklyn. The one scheduled for Utica will be given before the Spring vacation opens, and the one arranged for Brooklyn will be given on the Saturday night of the recess. That is to say, the Easter trip, up to date, consists of one performance, to be given ten days after College closes and three days before it reopens. Patently, the Clubs had better disband than practise for one concert. Men living far from Brooklyn will not travel long distances to appear at one concert, when there will remain three days between that engagement and the re-opening of College.

That "hard times" furnishes an insuperable obstacle to a trip seems scarcely compatible with statistics which **Life** has discovered during the past week. The Union Musical Clubs so far this year have given concerts at Binghampton, Elmira, Sayre (Pa.), Rochester, Montclair (N. J.), New York City, Amsterdam, Albany, Scotia, Ballston Spa, Lansingburg, Schenectady (twice). One concert remains on their schedule, that of the Emma Willard School, Troy. Where "hard times" have not prevented Union from arranging a fourteen concert trip, they will not prevent Hamilton from a seven concert trip.

The College does not feel assured that the Musical Clubs' management is expending every effort in the performance of its duty. The College ought to be informed as to what efforts are being put forth, and what progress is being made. A straightforward statement and explanation from the manager of the Clubs would be appreciated.

ENTERTAIN BETA TAU.

On Saturday evening Prof. and Mrs. Lewis entertained the Beta Tau Sorority of Utica and a number of men of the College at a dance at their home. The music was furnished by the united efforts of some of the College's musical geniuses, including Bergner at the piano, Orr, Weed and Ogilvie with mandolins, Dayton with traps, and Handanian with a violin.

—Otto, '81, was on the Hill Saturday.

Spice of Life

By Our Own Rudyard Kipling.

(With deep genuflections to "that dear Prof. Lewis," as per a Beta Tau girl.)

I.

We've taken our Profs. where we've found them—
From Dartmouth and Princeton and Yale.
We've had our pickin' o' teachers,
And most of the lot was stale.
Some was heavy like Super;
Some wore a cane, like Trot;
Calvin he came, as you know, for the name
Then's when the Trustees were "got."

II.

Now we don't know much 'bout professors,
For takin' 'em all along,
You never can tell till you've tried 'em
And then you are like to be wrong.
There's times when you'll think that they're nutty;
There's times when you'll know that they're bum;
But the things that you'll hear from those that are near
May help you with those to come.

III.

Daniel, he came from New England,
To supe for an A. M. degree.
Daniel was willing and earnest
To learn what a teacher should be.
We'll write him a recommendation:
He's fine; he just **lives** in the Gym.
He's lovin' and kind, with a great piece of mind,
And—we've learned about teachers from him.

IV.

We answered an ad. to get Harold.
(The agency's now being sued).
Harold is brisk and staccato
(He really moves like he was glued.)
He won't be mad 'bout this poetry:
He isn't given to fuss.
BUT
When you answer an ad., think of those we have had,
And learn about teachers from us.

This ain't all. Spice's poetry department is hard at work composing some new stanzas.

Budge: Was Robinson Crusoe an acrobat, Professor?

Chubby: Not that I know of. Why?

Budge: It says here that after he had finished his day's wark he sat down on his chest.

Chauncie (with bitter sarcasm): All the fools are not dead yet.

Chuck (innocently): What's the matter with you? Aren't you feeling well?

At the Golf Links.

Schnitz: "Hello, Bill, what have you been going around in?"

Bill S.: "Oh, just a red sweater and an old pair of pants."

G. Pott didn't draw any high honors in his thirty-one hours of senior study. We have therefore decided to award an H. H. in Spice of Life. George has certainly worked hard, and deserves the posish.

Geo. Ogilvie says he's strong for cutting out the middleman. He's exercising to reduce his abdomen.

You Know Him.

He gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, buttons his Chicago suspenders to New Haven trou; washes his face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania bowl; sits down to a Grand Rapids table; eats Chicago meat and Tennessee flour; cooked with St. Louis lard on a Kansas stove; puts a New York lid on a Hamilton head, and goes to class with a Never-Never-Land expression, to travel in Dreamland with Rip Hastings. When bed-time comes he reads a chapter from the Bible printed in Boston, says a prayer written in Jerusalem, crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey, only to be kept awake by the Sig. cat dueting with G. Tun's Mut.

With due regard for the proprieties the College wishes to whisper to Mr. B. of the Y. M. Chambers that there is still another way of cooling coffee besides in the saucer.

—Our earnest appeal for payment of subscriptions to **Life** seems to be taken so funny that we are putting it in this column.

COMPLETES SCHEDULE WITH EIGHT GAMES.

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the fullback or kicker on the fourth down to punt instead of throwing the ball out of bounds, which Captain LaForce did so much and so well last Fall. This rule was also taken advantage of by the teams having weak ends. Now that the ball must be kicked on the fourth down the work of the ends down the field and that of the backs in returning punts will be more conspicuous. The new rule forbidding frequent substitution will not have any great effect except that it will be impossible to send in a man during the last few minutes of the game to try for a goal from the field.

—Isaac N. Miller, '73, died suddenly during the past week on a Hudson River ferry boat, while going from his law office in New York City to his home in Paterson, N. J. Mr. Miller formerly lived in Deansboro, N. Y.

—The German Club will meet Friday evening, the 26th of February, at half-past seven o'clock, at the home of Prof. Brandt. The third, fourth, and fifth acts of "Alt Heidelberg" will be read.

—An article entitled "The Imperfect Subjunctive in Provencal," by Prof. Shepard, was published in the February number of the "Modern Language Notes."

—On Thursday evening, February 25th, the Merchants' Association of Oneonta will hold their annual banquet. Dr. Stryker will be one of the speakers.

—Simonds, '13, was on the Hill recently.

—H. C. Thomas, '09, was married Saturday to Miss Frances Arnold of Rochester. Krumbholz, '09, performed the ceremony.

—Robinson, '14, has left Utica and has gone into the underwriting business in Syracuse.

—McMillan, '14, is teaching in the Hamilton Institute, New York.

ERHARDT ISSUES CALL FOR CANDIDATES.

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tendance record is to be maintained by Manager Smith which will be averaged in with the practice work in determining what men will make the Easter trip. Twelve new suits have been ordered, the first new ones which the team has had for several seasons. The caps will be Brooklyn style with an "H," and the shirts will be gray with "Hamilton" lettered across.

A $5 deposit will be required of men who will make the Easter trip squad to insure their observance of training rules. It will be refunded if no infraction is made. This system is used by Cornell and many other large colleges, and is believed by the management to provide the peo per solution to what has formerly proved a difficult situation.

The pitching candidates who are counted on to appear for work are Daniels, '16, Fulton, '16, Petersen, '17 Whitcombe, '17 and Root, '18. Capt. Erhardt does not feel that the loss of Steve Royce has severely handicapped the team, but expresses confidence in the material now at hand. As a hitting aggregation he feels that the team will average well.

What Capt. Erhardt does insist upon before all else is hard slashing work that will cut holes in the cage if necessary, from the date of opening practice until the team starts on its Easter trip. The coach will be here on the 25th of March for his first inspection of the material. "No namby-pamby work will go," said the Captain. "Everybody get in hard."

CHARLATANS SCORE HIT AT ONEONTA.

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most picturesque, according to "Queenie" who insisted on sitting next to the window, that is, before he fell asleep. Did you ever see Patton asleep sitting up? Young Mac enjoyed it for a while and then felt queer. He said it was the funny motion of the car and proceeded to curl up in the far corner of the smoking compartment. President Jessup set the example in reading a good book entitled "The Forlorn Lover," but soon he nodded over the thrills. Van Pope at first tried to learn his new part, but petered out in favor of a snooze. The scenery along this part of the route is incomparable. Yep, the management and their assistants agreed to this just before Robson and Banks combined into a snorative duet. Some "pep."

A strong reaction set in when the limited pulled into the City of Oneonta at 5 in the afternoon. The Clionian Sorority met the cast to guide the way to the Auditorium, and to act as hostess in the bargain. Here romance interrupted Pope in the learning of his part, and she was "some girl." Somehow or other the management managed to happen to be pretty well fixed. The reception at Oneonta was all that could be desired, due entirely to the efforts of the members of the entertaining society. The "Oneonta Daily Star" devoted almost a column to the pro duction, according the maximum praise in saying that "the Hamilton College Charlatans were some dames, Believe Me Xantippe."

—Robinson, '14, was on the Hill on Sunday.

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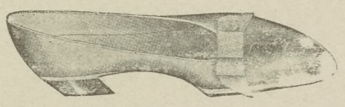

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PROF. PUPIN NEXT ON MYERS COURSE.

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In addition to the honors already mentioned, Prof. Pupin is a fellow of the A. A. S., of New York Academy of Sciences, of the International Academy of Science, of the American Philosophical Society, and the American Physical Society, of the American Mathematical Society, and the American Electrical Engineering Society. He is also a contributor to scientific journals, and wrote for the February Review of Reviews an article entitled "Servia's Struggle." He is busily engaged at present in raising money for the Servians.

—Jack Miller of the New York Polo grounds will return in the spring to complete his remodelling of the diamond. Grading and sodding still remain to be completed. It has been decided upon Miller's advice to make the field turtle-backed, rising evenly to the pitcher's box, a scheme that is successfully worked at the Polo grounds.

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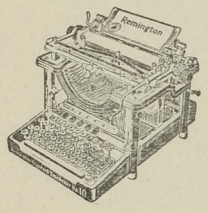

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—According to a temporary schedule published by those in charge of the Pennsylvania indoor track meet, the relay event in which the Hamilton team will compete, will be held at 3:40 on Saturday the 24th of April. The scholastic events and special features will be held on Friday, the college championships and field events on Saturday.

—Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Walker announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kathleen Frances Walker, to Edgar Nash Miller, '14, of Albany.

—Mrs. S. S. Westcott of Clinton has presented the College Library with four volumes of "Harper's Weekly," covering the major part of the period of the Civil War.

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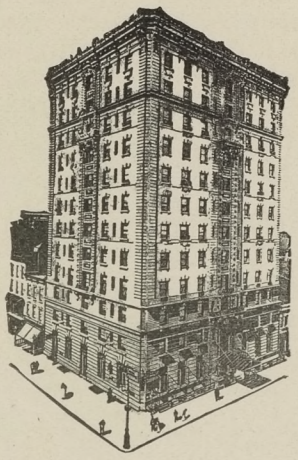

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ROYCE, '14, WITHDRAWS FROM BASEBALL WORLD

Captain of Last Year's Team Decides To Devote All His Time to Study of Law.

Steve Royce, '14, who was signed by Muggsy McGraw after his graduation from College last June, has withdrawn from the baseball life. He has turned down McGraw's contract for next season and will continue his study of law in the New York Law School. His final decision was made recently to J. B. Foster, secretary of the New York Nationals.

Foster said that he regretted Royce was withdrawing, and that any time he wished his name placed on the books again he would gladly do so. He especially advised Royce not to join the Feds.

The news was received with some surprise here at the College, as it had been rumored "Steve" intended to sign up with McGraw. Shortly after his departure from College last June he was offered a position by five big league teams. He signed up with the Binghamton club, but before he had played a single game he was transferred to the Giants. That he made good is evident from Foster's statement and the opinion expressed by others in the baseball world. This led his College friends to believe he would continue his baseball career.

It is believed by many of Royce's friends at Hamilton that he would have made the big league, but his decision is accepted on the assumption that "he knows." Royce is in the Law Office of Arnon R. Squires of New York City, former partner of Warren I. Lee, '99, before the latter became Deputy State Comptroller.

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FIRST GAMES NEXT MONDAY.

Junior Team, Twice Champions, Look To Win. Sophomores and Freshmen Are Both Strong, However.

Next Monday night will begin the contest for the Interclass basketball championship. There remain only two games of the Interfraternity series, postponed from January, which must be played off this week to complete the season. As the interfraternity cup has already been won, these games are not of surpassing importance.

Juniors vs. Sophomores.

But wait until next week. As the result of the drawing, the Juniors will play the Sophomores in the first of the usual preliminary games, on Monday. Two days later the Seniors will meet the Freshmen in the second game of the qualifying round. Then there will be time out until Monday, March 8, when the two winning teams will clash for the championship of the College.

The last two interfraternity games will be played off in the Gym on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2. The Delta Us will play the Dekes, and the Theta Delts will play the Emersonians. Last night the Delta U. vs. E.L.S. game was played off. The Sig vs. Psi U. will be played tonight.

1916 Twice Champions.

So far this year the only class team to have played any games is the Sophomore team, which showed up well in a match with U. F. A., and lost by only 4 points. All indications, however, are that it will be a hard and fast contest. For the past two years 1916 have been the champions, but each year they have won the title by a narrow margin.

Last year they defeated 1914 in the final game, after trouncing the 1917 team in the first round. The Sophomores show much better form this year, and with Behan's heavy scoring should be able to put up a harder fight next week.

The Senior class has never had a strong representation in basketball, and depends mostly on Erhardt for whatever scoring it does. The game Wednesday night will be the first appearance of the Freshman team in public, but they have several strong players, and with good team work will be able to make trouble for their opponents. It is probable that he Juniors and the Freshmen will meet in the deciding game.

At present only the two underclass teams have organized. Donoghue is captain and Behan manager of the Sophomore team, while the Freshmen have chosen Root as captain and Van Auken as manager.

The Senior team will probably be made up of Erhardt, Keddy, LaForce, Jessup and White. The Junior players include Banks, Pope, Higgins, McLouth, Paige, Griffith, Gow and Aldrich. On the Sophomore team are Donoghue, Behan, Donohue, Pendleton, Woolnough, Burritt and Brockway. Root, Russell and Otto will form a strong nucleus for the Freshmen. Among their other basketball players are C. M. Peck, Hill, Fursman and Jones.

142 SCHOOLS INVITED TO ENTER CONTEST

Interacademic Contest Should Be Bigger Than Ever. Seven Preliminary Contests Probable.

This year's Interacademic Prize Speaking Contest, conducted by the Department of Oratory, will include seven contests, according to announcement of Prof. Lewis made last week. The final contest will be held in the College Chapel on May 15th, when the winners of the preliminary contests will compete for the championship of the State. The other attractions incident to this year's Interacademic Day will be a baseball game with Rochester and a College smoker on May 14, and a track meet with Rochester on May 15th.

Four of the preliminary contests have already been arranged. First comes Rochester on April 16th. On April 30 the New Rochelle contest will be held. On May 7th those of Utica and Binghampton will occur. The dates for the contests in Albany, Newark, and Brooklyn have not been definitely set, but contests will undoubtedly be arranged. The Buffalo contest has been dropped this year.

In all one hundred and forty-two schools will be represented. These schools are now picking their men to compete in the preliminaries. The College supplies the funds to bring the winners in these preliminaries here. In this way, all but men of the highest speaking calibre are eliminated. Prof. Lewis expects better oratory this year than ever.

STUDENTS CONGRATULATE SENATOR ELIHU ROOT.

Hamilton College, Clinton, Feb. 22. A resolution of congratulation was wired to-day to United States Senator Elihu Root, conveying to him the best wishes of the student body upon the completion of his seventieth year last week and wishing him many happy years to come. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the undergraduates of Hamilton College send their congratulations to the Hon. Elihu Root, '64, upon the completion of the seventieth year of his life and that they express their appreciation for his long and loyal service to this College which knows him as a friend. This is also desired to express their hope that he will return to live on College Hill after his retirement from public service."

Senator Root is a prominent figure about the Campus in the Spring and Fall months. Between the time of his Washington duties and as chairman of the Board of Trustees he is actively in all College matters

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—Fred Cunningham, '99, was on the Hill last week.

—Subscriptions to the Hamilton Song Book are being taken by Lee, '15, and at the Bookstore.

—Among Hamilton's most prominent lawyers should be ranked Cornelius E. Lucky, '69, who since graduation has been practising law in Knoxville, Tennessee. Lucky has had a large practice there and is now one of the most eminent lawyers of his state.

—E. H. Roberts, '13, has recently been made Eastern Advertising Manager for the Maxwell Motor Co. He is the youngest employee outside of the Maxwell office.

CLASSICS BOOSTED BY LATIN TEACHERS

Dr. Stryker Addresses Conference of Classicists at a Meeting Held Here Last Saturday.

A conference in the interest of classical teaching for teachers of Latin and Greek in Oneida County was held here last Saturday under the auspices of the professors of Clinton High School and the Classical Department of the College. In the morning in the local high school, Prof. W. G. Spencer of Colgate University conducted a demonstration in sight reading with a third year Latin class, while in the afternoon the assembly was addressed on the Hill by Principal Ernest L. Merritt of Gloversville and Prof. Edward Fitch of the College, the latter on the subject "A Chapter of Ancient Religion," illustrated by lantern slides. About thirty professors and superintendents attended.

President Stryker in a brief speech welcoming the delegates to the Hill, deplored the intrusion of the "spirit of commercialism" into educational institutions. He said this was the cause of the present aversion to the classics. "The modern idea that success is spelt with dollar signs for the S's is invading the colleges and secondary schools of the country," he said. "Students are not encouraged to study the things that take time." The desire for taking short cuts thru college courses he characterised as akin to the get-rich-quick schemes of the business world.

In closing his remarks, the President appealed to all teachers interested in maintaining the classics to stand firm to the cause. While it is understood that Dr. Stryker does not believe that a crisis is now at hand in the clash between classicism and specialization, he nevertheless feels that the study of Latin and Greek must be upheld to the limit of consistency. His appeal was to all those who believed in the "cause" of classics.

This attitude was expressed more in detail by Prof. Ernest L. Merritt of Gloversville, who attacked the reaction against the classics in very positive assertions. "We have statistics from the leading technical schools," he said, "in this country and Europe which clearly show that the study of Greek and Latin is a decided benefit to practical and scientific studies. Some of the foremost engineers and mathematicians of today are Greek students. The other conception of life, the social or spiritual idea, in which a man's environment is as large as his education will permit, is practically aided by the study of the classics."

He declared that he was not opposed to the vocational courses which are now receiving so much attention, so long as they were not allowed to interfere with the classics.

Dr. Edward Fitch concluded the formal afternoon's program by lecturing on the shrine of Apollo at Delphi, illustrating it with about 50 slides. He sketched the period of influence of the shrine, declaring that during the fifth and sixth centuries it was most potent. This was accomplished through the manumission of slaves and colonization which was undertaken in the name of the god.

At the close of the meeting, at which about 40 delegates from Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties were represented, a Tri-County Classical League was organized with Principal J. L. Hopkins of New Hartford as president. The conference was called by Dr. Edward Fitch and Dr. H. R. Hastings of the Greek Department and Prof. Cleveland K. Chase of the Latin Department, with Principal Percy L. Wight and J. B. Wheeler of Clinton.

REMINISCENCES OF PROF. PETERS

John Fletcher, Janitor and Old-Timer on the Hill, Tells Stories of the Good Old Days.

The men who serve us in one way and another about the Campus are not commonly believed to have any greater interest in what goes on in College than to discover when vacations begin and they can let the fires out. But if the entire truth were known it would be found that these men, most of them long in the College service, keep close tabs on student and professorial life and have an affection for the place which equals that of any Alumnus.

John Fletcher has many interesting tales to tell about the Hamilton days of 20 years or more ago. He has seen Senator Elihu Root sliding down hill, and and in his indirect way has learned a vast amount of information regarding the men of former days who have made the College famous. The other afternoon he stood on the Chapel steps talking with an instructor. The sun was warm and the sky bright and a reminiscence seemed in order.

John's glance drifted up to the Litchfield Observatory and he said:

"It seems as if I could see old Dr. Peters sitting out there on the steps in his arm chair right now."

"Did you know Dr. Peters?" asked the instructor, surprised.

"Yes," he continued, "It used to be a favorite habit of Dr. Peters to sit out there on the steps in his chair when the weather was good in summer, and he'd smoke, and smoke and smoke. Guess I never saw a man smoke so many cigars in my life. They were some cigars," John added, and whiffed as expectantly as if the odor was still in his nostrils. "They were his special brand, too."

"He used to do all of his work at night," John went on, "tho I guess he must have had some classes in the daytime. I remember how I used to carry hot coffee over to the old man to drink late at night. He was a German, Dr. Peters was, and a very bright man. He was always cheery dispositioned." That was a pretty long one, so John eased up to explain more colloquially that the old doctor was skilled in repartee. "He always treated me fine, and was a good one to work for," he summarized.

"Brick Blake found him dead in the north entrance hall of North College early one morning. The old man had a room in the dorm, and must have just been coming in from the observatory. 'Twas his heart that carried him off. Too much smokin,' I guess."

And so John wound up his little excursion into the past. But he added, with something in his tone that would do an Alumnus credit, that he wished the old Observatory would be fixed up again and the belongings of the eminent doctor be taken good care of.